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WISE COUNTY FAIR IS IN FULL SWING

Big Increase in Students as Baptist College Opens

VARIED FEATURES TO ENTERTAIN YOU

As the Messenger goes to press on Wednesday night, all is in readiness for one of the greatest street and county fairs ever held in the county. The fair committees have been very busy during the past week arranging the various features which are to furnish entertainment for the large crowds expected Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The square has been decorated and will be roped off for pedestrians only during the three days. Booths have been built on each side of the square to hold the large number of displays offered by various concerns and enterprises. These displays will be both entertaining and educational, and you should not overlook any of them.

All three days will be full of events to instruct and amuse the public and you can come with the assurance of being well entertained.

The livestock and agricultural displays promise to be the best ever shown in the county, while the poultry show will be better than ever before.

Besides the free entertainment furnished on the square each day, there will be football games at the college field on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Decatur high school will play Sanger high school on Thursday afternoon. Both games will furnish some real sport, and should be well attended. A dark-town vaudeville is to be given Thursday night at the high school auditorium. On Saturday night the pageant will be held at Decatur College athletic park.

The program for each day and night is given below. Be sure to attend the fair all three days. Bring in your products for display.

Thursday, September 20th.

10:00 a. m.—Exhibits open for inspection. Livestock on East Walnut street; poultry in building on southwest corner of square; women's department, farm products, canning, culinary, textiles, art, flowers, curios, community exhibits, home demonstration and farm clubs in Decatur Motor Company building on North Trinity street.

Poultry judging by Walter Burton. 10:30 a. m.—Band concert on the court house lawn.

1:00 p. m.—Parade.

Afternoon reception to queen and visiting princesses in the American Legion club room by Decatur Civic League.

Free entertainment, featuring Happy George Byrd, black-face singing and dancing comedian, and Mlle. Syvanna, contortionist, court house lawn.

4:00 p. m.—Football game, Decatur high school vs. Alvord at Baptist College park.

Evening. Blackface vaudeville at high school auditorium by Decatur ladies. Small admission fee.

Free entertainment, Byrd and Syvanna, on court house lawn.

Friday, September 21st.

Educational day. Exhibits open to inspection.

10:00 a. m.—Judging in all departments except poultry. Judges: Swine, Jim Cunningham of Denton; dairy and beef cattle, Professor J. W. Ridgeway of Fort Worth; sheep, R. A. Brewer, county agent Jack county; farm products, Paul Dinkle of Denton county; woman's department, Miss Bess Edwards of A. & M.

10:30 a. m.—Band concert.

2:00 p. m.—Auction sale of purebred stock in livestock exhibit lot.

Trial of scrub sire at the livestock exhibit lot.

Address on education.

4:00 p. m.—Football game, Decatur Baptist College vs. Bridgeport at college park.

Free entertainment, Byrd and Syvanna, on court house lawn.

Street stunts and games.

Evening.

Historical pageant and crowning of Queen Lois of the House of Shawver,

T. L. TAYLOR DIED SUNDAY MORNING

Squire T. L. Taylor, one of the best known and most popular citizens of this and the Paradise communities, died suddenly early Sunday morning, following an attack of heart failure. The remains were carried to Cottondale Tuesday morning, accompanied by a large number of friends and a good number of Decatur Masons. The funeral services were held at the Cottondale Baptist church, being conducted by Rev. J. L. Ward, R. E. Bell and W. W. Ne Smith. Burial services were under auspices of the Masonic lodge, of which order deceased was an honored member.

The death of this good and noble man was a shock to his many friends in Decatur, as he appeared to be in his usual health Saturday. He had been a sufferer of attacks of the heart, but no alarming symptoms had appeared. In his death the county loses one of its best and most stalwart citizens; a man who stood unflinchingly for the best in this life, and every day in his life he practiced his precepts. He walked in the straight and narrow path, and the good he has done in this vale will live as long as loving hearts throb in the breasts of God fearing and honorable men and women. As a husband and father, no better has come this way; as a friend, he stood four-square and true as the needle points the north. T. L. Taylor measured the standard of an honorable citizen and christian gentleman.

Messenger mourns this good man's going; he was our friend, and we shall sorely miss him. To the bereaved family we extend sympathy.

Mr. Taylor was born in Tennessee, May 1st, 1848, moving to Cottondale in 1864. He moved with his family to Paradise several years ago, and while living there he held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. About four years ago he moved to Decatur, and shortly after coming here he was selected to fill the office of justice of this precinct, following the death of Squire M. B. Johnston. Mr. Taylor was re-elected to the office, and at the time of his death he was serving the public in the capacity of justice.

PHOTO DISPLAY IN WINDOW ARTISTIC

During the past week there has been on display at the Eagle Drug House a very beautiful collection of photos of scenes in and around the national capital. These pictures were made by Walter Ganaway, a former Decatur boy, now in the photographic division of the signal corps in Washington. The pictures are real works of art, proving Mr. Ganaway an artist of rare talent and skill.

This splendid young man received his first instructions in photography under Artist W. A. Bunnell in Decatur several years ago, and it was while working under this master that he was imbued with the ambition to become really proficient in the art. Leaving Decatur, he went to California, where he worked for several years in some of the largest laboratories, later volunteering in the signal corps in the hope of going to France during the war. However, he was thwarted in this desire and was held in the Washington laboratories, where he has since labored.

The work of Mr. Ganaway now on display here proves he has indeed been an apt student and that he is attaining to the great ambition of his life.

attended by county princesses at the Baptist College athletic park.

Free entertainment, Byrd and Syvanna, on court house lawn.

Saturday, September 22nd.

Exhibits open to inspection.

10:00 a. m.—Stock judging contest by boys' farm clubs at livestock display lot.

10:30 a. m.—Concert on the court house lawn.

Free entertainment, Byrd and Syvanna, on court house lawn.

Street stunts and games.

Evening.

Free entertainment, Byrd and Syvanna, on court house lawn.

High carnival.

MAN CHARGED WITH BURNING MILES HOME HAS BAD RECORD, IS REPORT

Aver Dean, who was arrested following the destruction by fire of the Miles home southeast of Decatur, in which Johnny Jones, sixty years of age, lost his life, has a bad record, so reports reaching the authorities here say. Dean formerly lived in the Howe community in Grayson county, and while in that section of the state he became involved in a difficulty with a farmer for whom he had worked. Dean is said to have shot his employer three times with a pistol, desperately wounding the man. For this crime Dean was sent to the state penitentiary for a number of years. After serving out the sentence of the court, Dean joined the United States army and was sent to Germany when the troops were occupying the country along the Rhine river. When he returned to this country he left the army and returned to farm work, working on several farms in East Texas. He had been employed for a short time on the Miles place near Plano in Hunt county before he joined the colors, and a few months ago, learning the Miles family had left Hunt county and had located in Wise, southeast of Decatur, Dean came here. He worked for Miles several months, but his conduct, stated Mr. Miles to a Messenger reporter who visited the scene after the disastrous fire on the night of September 9th, toward Elizabeth, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mr. Miles, was so bad that he was discharged. Dean left Miles and secured work on the Green farm near Justin.

Dean seemed to be desperately in love with Elizabeth Miles and upon several occasions, stated the young lady, he insisted on her leaving home with him. He wrote her letters filled with love and affection, and occasionally he would visit the home, and when talking to the girl on these visits Dean would boast of his knowledge of hand grenades he claimed to have used in France and Germany. He "admitted" being a desperate man when crossed in love affairs, saying he had killed a man before joining the army because the man had interfered with a heart affair of his. While relating his desperate deeds, the Miles girls claim, Dean would show them something that resembled a hand grenade, explaining to them that he "could touch it off and blow the house to pieces and kill everybody in it." A few nights before the conflagration that destroyed the substantial Miles home, in which an old man, a laborer on the farm, lost his

life, Dean visited the home. On this occasion he insisted that Elizabeth go driving with him. The girl stated she refused to go with him, fearing he would do bodily harm. As Dean left the house he accused the girl of "talking too much" to one of the young farm hands on the place, and again told the girl what he would do if his love affairs were interfered with.

Early Monday morning, about two-thirty o'clock, someone entered the room occupied by Elizabeth and her fourteen-year-old sister, Fannie May. When Elizabeth awoke she felt a hand at her throat, and when she screamed the intruder released his hold and grabbed her by the left arm, dragging her from the bed. The screams of the girl alarmed the household, and as the man ran from the room the girls rushed after him, calling for their father and mother, who were sleeping in an adjoining room. As the girls reached the door thru which the intruder had run, a blinding flash of flames that seemed to envelope the lower floor of the house met them. The girls ran to their parents' room and assisted them in escaping from the house. Three rooms up-stairs were occupied by a daughter and son-in-law of Mr. Miles, and two men who worked on the farm. Johnny Jones, who had been working for Mr. Miles for some time, lost his life in the flames. The other man, sleeping in a room adjoining the one occupied by Jones, escaped.

Dean is in the county jail, charged with burning the Miles house and causing the horrible death of old man Jones, who was trapped in his room when the roaring flames cut off his escape. Shortly after being arrested by Sheriff W. M. Workman, Dean stated he was at the Green home, near Justin, when the fire occurred. He stated he was in Fort Worth on Sunday, coming to Justin on the Santa Fe train which arrives at that station shortly after nine o'clock. Leaving the train at Justin, according to Dean's statement, he went to the Green home and retired about half past nine o'clock. He said he slept on a pallet on a porch, and at no time during the night did he leave his bed.

Dean says he is not a citizen of this country, having been born in Scotland, and has never taken out naturalization papers in the U. S.

Attorney M. W. Burch of this city has been retained by Mr. Miles to assist in the prosecution of Dean.

VAUDEVILLE WILL BE GIVEN TONIGHT

Lovers of real entertainment have in store for them one of the best entertainments they have been privileged to witness for some time in the Dark-Town Vaudeville which will be presented at Decatur public school auditorium this (Thursday) evening, September 20th, under the direction of Misses Eileen Rowan and Valley Blankenship.

The program will include vocal and instrumental music, dances and other unique numbers of high-class vaudeville and minstrel acts. Entertainers from East Babylon will be present.

A small admission fee will be charged, proceeds of which will go for benefit of the school. A large crowd is expected to witness these performances—on Thursday evening, September 20th, beginning at eight o'clock.

Fruit Baits has bought and is operating the tailor shop formerly owned by Hayes Dunaway on East Main street. Mr. Baits is an experienced tailor and is popular among the people of this section.

The Campbell Baking Company of Dallas, will give free demonstration of cakes and bread at the McCarter Grocery during the fall fair.

ABANDONED WELL MAY BE PRODUCER

The abandoned Hunter-Scott well is to be cleaned out, is the report coming to the Messenger, and land owners in the vicinity are meeting the requirements of the gentlemen who state they will start work of reclaiming the well just as soon as the leases are in shape. Messenger understands that Mr. John Scott has signified a willingness to take over the contract to take charge of the well and test out what now promises to return a producer of big proportions.

The bailing of oil from the hole has revived interest in the well, which was abandoned several months ago, following a heavy charge of nitro, and some of the most experienced oil men in the game today who have visited the well and inspected conditions say a producer will result when the heavy bridge in the hole is removed. The oil, of high quality, is coming thru a bridge of a hundred feet or more.

The community fairs held the past week were all good. Sweetwater held her fair Saturday and Sycamore on Tuesday. Splendid displays were exhibited at each place, and these will be brought here for exhibition in the Wise county fair.

RIEGER BROTHERS START NEW STORE

Rieger Brothers of this city are preparing to open a new dry goods store in Sanger on Tuesday of next week. Dick Rieger will have charge of the new store, which promises to be one of the best in Sanger. New fall and winter goods are already arriving in Sanger, and the store will be modern and up-to-date in every respect.

The people of Sanger trade territory are fortunate to secure this firm. The Riegers are wide-awake business men and know how to please their customers with the most reliable merchandise. Long ago they adopted the slogan "Our best advertisement is a pleased customer," and upon this plan they have built up a handsome business in Decatur. As citizens they are surpassed by none in their public spiritedness and progress, and the progress of Decatur is due in large measure to their whole-hearted cooperation with the other business interests of the city. Both of the Riegers are natives of this community, and they hold the esteem of all our people, who join the Messenger in wishing them success in their new business venture.

Dick Rieger, who takes charge of the new store in Sanger, is a very congenial, christian gentleman who would be a valuable addition to any community. Messenger bespeaks for him and his estimable wife a cordial welcome among the people of Sanger community.

BAPTIST WORKERS MEETING PROGRAM

Following is the program for the fifth Sunday meeting of Wise county Baptists, to be held at the Cottondale Baptist church, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 28th, 29th and 30th. This is the first general meeting of the year, and every Baptist pastor in the county is urged to attend. It is desired that every church in the county be represented.

Friday.

7:00 p. m.—Song and devotionals led by D. F. Reed.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. S. F. Ross.

Saturday.

9:30 a. m.—Song and devotionals led by Rev. A. L. Gregg.

10:00 a. m.—Growing a Great Association: (a) What the Pastors Can Do—Rev. G. W. Tyson; (b) What the Churches Can Do—Rev. J. H. Burns.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Thorne.

12:00 m.—Dinner on the ground.

2:00 p. m.—Denominational Activities: (a) Benevolences—Rev. J. H. Heathington and Rev. A. D. Roberts; (b) Education—Rev. C. C. Griffiths and Rev. J. L. Ward; (c) Missions—Rev. A. D. Hudson and Rev. R. E. Bell. General discussion to follow.

7:00 p. m.—Baptists Fifty Years Ago and Now—Rev. J. W. Bailey.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. Perry Peyton.

Sunday.

10:00 a. m.—The regular Sunday school service.

10:30 a. m.—Talk on the Sunday school work by Dr. P. C. Funk.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. E. L. Moody.

12:00 m.—Lunch at the church.

2:00 p. m.—Song and prayer.

2:30 p. m.—Discussion of the W. M. U. Work—Mrs. J. G. Gose.

3:00 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. Program by Bridgeport young people.

7:00 p. m.—Song and praise.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. C. C. Griffiths.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW AUTOMOBILES

J. A. Lynch of Sunset, Ford.

T. F. Watkins of Fort Worth, Durant.

C. L. Maiden of Decatur, Ford.

M. Orosco of Bridgeport, Ford.

W. M. Love of Decatur, Ford.

Percy Goss of Bridgeport, King.

C. S. Wilhite of Dallas, Ford.

First National Bank of Decatur, Ford.

J. F. Ford of Rhame, Chevrolet.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR SCHOOL TERM

The opening exercises of Decatur Baptist College were held Wednesday morning and were attended by a large number of citizens. The student enrollment is much larger than last year, the girls' dormitory being comfortably filled, and the boys' hall filling rapidly, with many more students to come in during the next week. The number of day students has also increased to a gratifying degree. This larger attendance is the source of gratification and much pleasure to the home people who have been putting forth renewed efforts in behalf of the school.

President J. L. Ward opened the exercises Wednesday morning with a short talk of welcome to the student body in which he expressed his pleasure at the increased attendance and thanked the home people for their loyal support. He then introduced Secretary Cliff Cates of the Decatur chamber of commerce, who welcomed the student in behalf of Decatur business men and citizens. Attorney M. W. Burch and Congressman Guinn Williams also made brief but appreciated addresses of welcome to the faculty and students. P. M. Curry, member of the faculty, delivered a splendid address on "Shortsman-ship," in which he stressed that quality as needful in all departments of life. His definition of "sportsman-ship" was "playing the game according to the rules," and his remarks were helpful and inspiring to all who heard him.

President Ward then introduced the new members of the faculty as follows: Miss Beatrice Preston, piano; Clyde J. Newton, mathematics and science; P. M. Curry, English; H. T. Tinsley, history. The new members were selected, stated President Ward, because of their special fitness for the places assigned in the faculty, and they have all accepted their new work with an enthusiasm which has ever characterized the efforts of D. B. C. instructors.

Following is a list of the entire faculty of the school:

Dr. J. L. Ward, president, religious education.

Clyde J. Newton, mathematics and science.

P. M. Curry, English.

H. T. Tinsley, history.

J. L. Read, foreign languages.

Mrs. Embry Gettys, lower math.

P. O. Dickson, education, athletics.

Miss Beatrice Preston, piano.

H. P. Black, voice.

Valley Blankenship, elocution.

ROCK ISLAND WILL GIVE CLUB PASSES

The Rock Island Lines will donate the cost of trips to Chicago to the winners of the farm boys' and girls' contests, according to an official announcement made by L. M. Allen, vice president and passenger traffic manager, in recognition of the splendid constructive work being done by the six hundred thousand rural boys and girls enrolled in these clubs and the agricultural colleges and county agricultural agents under whose supervision this club work is conducted. The motto of these clubs is the four H's—standing for education in matters of head, health, heart and hand—and working for the solution of the agricultural problem on the sound economic basis of more efficient and profitable production.

Any boy or girl who desires to enter this contest may do so provided they live in any county traversed by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway. For further particulars and conditions to contest, get in touch with the county agent, who will be glad to furnish you with information desired.

Prof. Andy Reeves and family are this week moving to Greenwood, where Prof. Reeves has been elected superintendent of the public schools.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We announce that E. W. Bass, graduate and registered optometrist, will be with us every Saturday to make careful eye examinations and fit glasses.

Eagle Drug House

Local News

NEW FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAIN SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND.			
No.	Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
7—	10:45 pm	12:21 am	3:00 am
3—	7:45 am	9:16 am	11:55 am
1—	9:45 am	11:03 am	1:10 pm
6—	6:45 pm	8:16 pm	11:55 pm
SOUTH BOUND.			
No.	W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
8—	3:00 am	5:26 am	7:00 am
6—	8:00 am	10:30 am	12:01 pm
4—	1:15 pm	3:45 pm	5:15 pm
2—	2:45 pm	5:00 pm	6:20 pm

The regular meeting of Decatur Masonic lodge will be held next Saturday night.

F. H. Greer fell near his home last Saturday and received injuries which have since confined him to his bed. He is improving.

Remember the football games between Decatur high and Sanger high at the college field this Thursday afternoon.

Misses Madge and Blanche Scott left Monday to attend T. W. C. at Fort Worth.

H. T. Bridges and family and Fred Taylor of Floydada, were called to Decatur to attend the funeral of Esquire T. L. Taylor.

Mrs. Aubrey Holliday of Fort Worth, visited her mother, Mrs. E. B. Melton.

Betty Compson and Bert Lytell in "Kick In" Thursday and Friday of this week at the Majestic.

Horace Renshaw has gone to Galveston to re-enter the State Medical College.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCracken of Wichita Falls are guests of the family of Tom McCracken.

Mrs. John Scott has been under treatment in a Fort Worth sanitarium this week.

Miss Cora Roach of Olney, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Brock Roach.

Hugh Breedlove and family and Mrs. R. Lindley spent Sunday in Denton.

Just received—express shipment of ladies' new sport hats at Rieger Brothers.

C. P. Dodson was in Sanger this week, and while there he sold his power plant at that place.

Mmes. C. P. Dodson, Sam Renshaw, T. J. Elder and Archie Morris were Fort Worth visitors Monday.

Best line of hair tonics and hair oils in retail sizes at Roe Shoemaker's. Lovard Nobles and Brooks Boye have purchased the Owl Cafe from Mitchell Spencer.

Rev. C. N. Smith was here Monday from Sanger.

For some months Mr. Reeves has been one of the valued employees of the Mississippi Store.

Don't miss the dark town vaudeville Thursday night, September 20th, at the high school auditorium.

Little Words.

It's just the little human touch That makes the game worth while, The little helpful words of praise, The small and cherry smile, Tho' success crown your efforts and You're near the higher peak, The lord be thanked for kindly words Men did not fear to speak, As troubles daunt and sorrows sway, And all the world is wrong, When sunshine is obscured by rain, And silent is all song, It's mighty hard to pull ahead When hope is almost gone; But little words as these have helped, "Good work, old man, keep on!" It does not take much time to say A word or two of praise, And yet uncounted worth is there To help thru cheerless days, Oh, the hearts that have gained hope When life was drear and bleak, The kindly words, the cheering words Men did not fear to speak.

M. W. Burch and family left Tuesday for trip to Austin. Miss Jacobina will remain at Austin and attend State University.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Elbert Stockton had as their guests last Sunday W. A. Bursey and family, Dr. E. H. Bursey and family, A. P. Bursey and family, and W. A. Bursey, Jr. and family, all of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jarrett and daughter, Miss Louise, of Fort Worth were guests of Captain and Mrs. Steve Lillard Sunday.

Cecil Jennings was in Fort Worth several days the past week. He leaves this week for Lubbock to buy cotton.

Try the best shampoo on the market—retail size jars fifty cents at Roe Shoemaker's barber shop.

The following are those from out of town attending the funeral of Mr. Taylor: Mrs. Ella Richardson, Mangum; Miss Agnes Evans, Mangum; Floyd Taylor, Loneland, Oklahoma; Tom Taylor, Loneland, Oklahoma; Frank Taylor, Cordell, Oklahoma; Arthur Taylor, Cordell, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Monly Clary, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Clary, Mr. and Mrs. Telo Jackson, all of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Taylor of Dallas; Mr. Butler Sebron, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bridges and family and Fred Taylor, Floydada.

Mmes. V. A. Ross, Irmine Ross and J. D. Holt were Fort Worth visitors last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lynch visited Denton Sunday.

Steve and Tom Terrell leave today to attend State university.

Dave Kerr was in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Walter Spencer made a trip to Oklahoma Tuesday.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

1c Per Word

CASH IN ADVANCE

No Ad Taken for Less Than 25c.

FOR RENT.

ROOM FOR RENT—Nice large south room with bath privileges; price reasonable.—MRS. R. E. BELL. (38) FOR SALE—Good sheaf oats at my barn.—FRANK MESSENGER, route five, Decatur. (38)

FOR RENT—Three-room residence; close in. \$7.50 per month.—J. A. SIMMONS at First National Bank of Decatur. (38)

FOR RENT—Five-room house on South Trinity street. Apply to W. P. THURMOND at City National Bank, Decatur. (36-1f)

ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished; close in.—MRS. JULIA TILLEY, first door south City Hotel, South Trinity street. (38)

ROOMS—For light housekeeping. MRS. M. E. BELEW. See Luther Belew at his barber shop.

LOST

LOST—Navy blue sweater; Bradley brand in back. Return here. \$3.00 reward.—MUNAL BOMER, 425 Lula street, Denton. (38)

FOR SALE.

FARM FOR SALE—Owing to my ill health I have decided to sell my farm that is located in the Aurora Valley, two and one-half miles west of Rhome. This is a very ideal farm consisting of about 60 acres of land in cultivation and 15 acres of choice timber land; all under one fence. Write me or come and look at it.—A. E. BUTLER, Rhome, Texas, route one. (39)

FOR SALE—My farm, six miles west of Decatur; 189 acres good sandy land. Will sell at a bargain if purchased now.—MRS. N. W. HALCOMB, in Decatur till Monday, or J. A. SIMMONS at the First National Bank. (38)

FOR SALE—My farm five miles on Decatur-Chico road, consisting of 129 acres, with 50 of it valley land. Call or see A. E. ATWOOD. Independent telephone. (40)

FARM FOR SALE—Owing to old age and failing health, I will sacrifice my home farm for less than the improvements are worth. Have 130 acres, one-half in cultivation, level. No Johnson grass or washes. The crop this year will pay for land it grows on. Good buildings, soft water, water works, hog wire fencing, ripe fruit from May until frost, graded school, 4 1-2 miles northeast Decatur, graded roads, rural route; easy payments, low interest. W. M. STEVENSON, Decatur, Route 8. (39)

WANTED

WANTED—Sewing and quilting; at reasonable prices; satisfaction guaranteed.—MRS. WILEY FOWLER, Decatur. (39)

Tell Your Community-- and Keep Telling 'em

—Every man, woman and child that has one cent of non-interest bearing and unsecured deposit in this bank has same guaranteed by the guaranty fund system of Texas—which system has a membership of over nine hundred banks with approximately sixty-five million dollars in capital and resources of two hundred and twenty-five million dollars. This big system has been in operation in Texas twelve years, under which plan no non-interest bearing or unsecured depositor has ever lost a dollar. This system has just passed thru one of the very hardest depressions, following the world war, the country has ever known—and stood the test and met its obligations by paying one hundred cents on the dollar.

—Therefore this bank offers you absolute safety without a doubt or a single moment's worry!

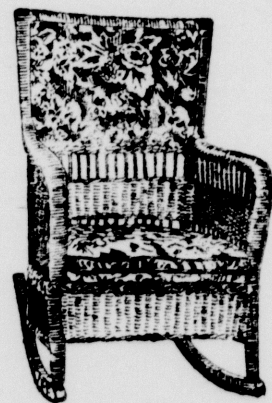
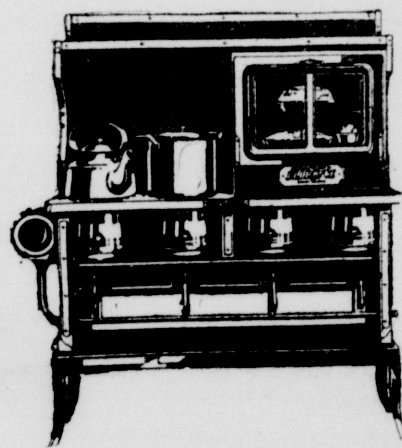
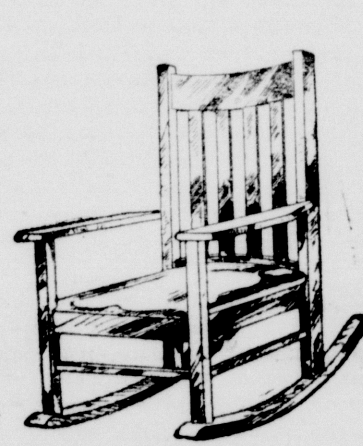
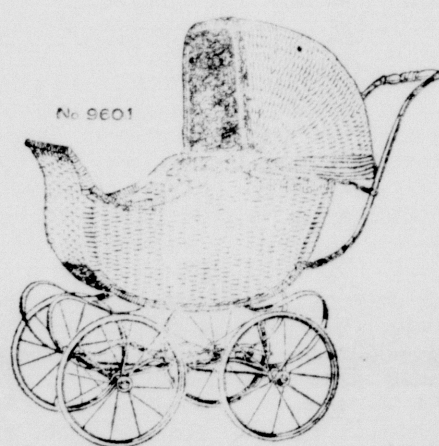
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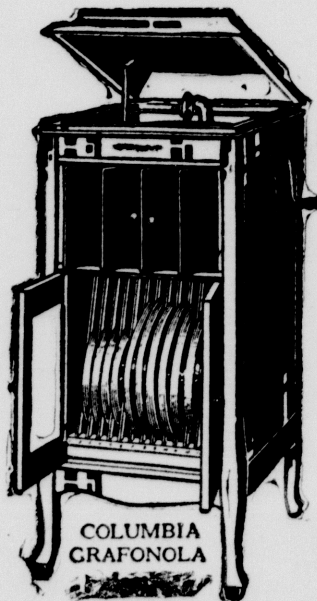
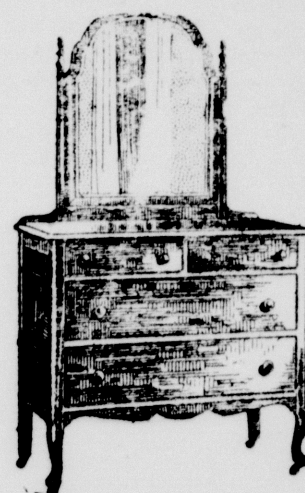
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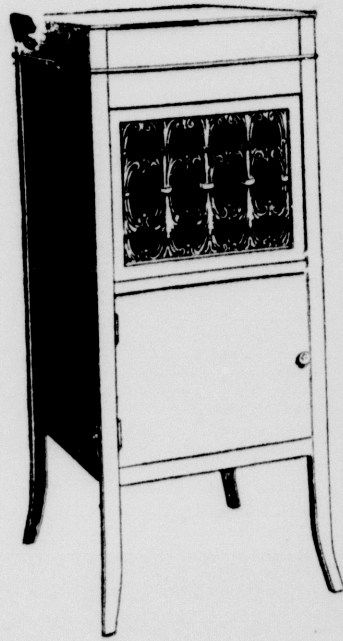


Come to the COUNTY FAIR



Visit our Booth and our Store

—We have a complete stock of home furnishings and are always glad to show goods. Come in and let us figure with you on anything needed in the furniture, stove or floor covering line.



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Armstrong's Linoleum for Every Floor in the House

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MALNUTRITION

In a nursing child often means that if the mother would take

Scott's Emulsion

regularly, the cause would disappear.

BRIDGEPORT NEWS
(Index.)

Lisle John went to San Antonio Saturday, where she has accepted a position as teacher in Westmoorland College.

Miss Berneze Buckner left Sunday for Itasca, where she has been employed to teach English in the high school in that city the coming term. Miss Buckner is a very talented young lady and has a splendid record as an efficient teacher.

Will Kershaw suffered a sudden attack of appendicitis Monday afternoon and was taken to a Fort Worth sanitarium that night for an operation. The operation was performed Tuesday morning and report is that he is getting along all right.

The wife and son of Walter Hoad, the new book-keeper for Bridgeport Coal Company, have arrived from Temple and are now permanently located as citizens of the town. The family secured a nice place on the west side and began house-keeping this week.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson was taken to Fort Worth Sunday for a second operation. She has been at home from the sanitarium several weeks and was thought to be getting along nicely, but complications unlooked for set up recently which necessitated her return. The operation was performed on Monday and the lady is reported doing well.

William Newton Sullins, an old and highly respected citizen, died at ten-thirty Saturday morning at his home one and a half miles southeast of town, following an illness of many months' duration. Deceased was born in Gasconade county, Missouri, on August 9th, 1851, and moved with his parents to Maries county, Missouri, in 1869. He came to Texas in 1882 and purchased land in Wise county and built a home near Bridgeport the same year.

Cotton is opening rapidly and daily receipts are picking up nicely. The Allen & Power gin passed the one hundred bale mark Wednesday night and from now on will be taxed to its full capacity. A little trouble was encountered first of the week on account of faulty gas burners, but these have been removed and wood and oil substituted for fuel. No further trouble is looked for, and the ginners say that they are now ready to handle any amount of cotton that may come. The market is fine, tho a number of farmers are storing and will hold for a better price.

PARADISE NEWS

Mrs. Daugherty has been in Dallas on a visit.

Dugan Howell came in Monday from Fort Worth.

Miss Belle Sparks left Monday for the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

Miss Jack Matheson has been in Rhome on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Douglas.

Miss Eightamae Woody of Springtown, is here on a visit to her friend, Miss Jack Frost.

George H. Clark of Houston (was here Monday and Tuesday as guests of Miss Trula Stutt.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Greer of Grapevine, are here on a visit to old friends and relatives.

Dr. Krell's family of Fort Worth, have been here as guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Peek.

Mrs. Luther Burrell and babies spent Monday in Decatur with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson.

Mrs. Glenn Rieger of Decatur, and Mrs. Lloyd Douglas of Rhome, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Matheson, of this place.

Little Snookie Golaz, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Golaz of this place, was taken to St. Joseph's sanitarium Friday for a very serious operation. The little fellow is doing nicely.

CHICO NEWS
(Review.)

Miss Pauline Morrow left Sunday for Decatur, where she will teach again this winter. Miss Pauline visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lillard last week and attended the institute in Decatur.

A committee representing the four churches of Chico met and selected a princess to represent Chico at the Wise county street fair September 20th to 22nd at Decatur. Frances Jennings was selected to represent us. She will also represent Chico in the pageant Friday night at the Baptist College.

Up to Thursday evening the cotton yard at Chico had weighed two hundred and twenty-five bales of cotton. Cotton has sold most of the week around twenty-seven cents. Farmers are getting along nicely gathering the crop, with pickers in demand at one dollar per hundred. Only a small per cent of the cotton is being sold to street buyers, most of it being handled by the Farm Labor Union.

R. D. ELLIOTT SAVES LIFE BY FERRASAL

I feel that your preparations, particularly Ferrasol, saved my life. I was advised by some of the best doctors in Dallas to have an operation for gall stones. I started taking Ferrasol and in one week's time I could eat again. It has cured me. I believe it will cure any case of stomach or bladder trouble if taken properly.—R. D. Elliott, 112 North Crawford street, Dallas, Texas. Fifty cents per box at Sanders & Ingram, druggists.—Adv. (23-4f)

HOGWASH ITEMS

—By Skygak—

Mrs. Lab Moots got badly powder burned today while trying to shoot her husband with an old musket.

Sap Spradlin says he has met dishonest men in all occupations but he never has met a druggist but that had more or less scruples.

Atlas Peck says that an editor ought not to ask his subscribers to accept a paper that is over half advertisements. Let the full page ads come on extra sheets so the reader can skip it.

Abe Martin says the one drawback to allowing children to go barefooted thru the summer is that they have to be stood in a jug of buttermilk every night for a week before school starts in order to get their feet and legs white enough to pass as white children.

It is reported that the blind man who has been feeling around for a wife the past few months has decided to marry the old maid of Hogwash community. Everyone says if he marries her he may not get his sight restored but he will at least get his eyes opened in less than a week.

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BLACK CAT HOSIERY

—Our stocks of Black Cat hosiery are full and complete. All shades in new silk hosiery. Every pair is guaranteed. Cotton - lisle—15c to 75c Silks—\$1.00 to \$3.00 pair

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING

—Many new patterns in men's and boys' suits here, all the shades and designs which can't help but appeal to you. Men's—\$15.00 to \$35.00 Boys'—\$5.00 to \$14.50.

—Be sure to make this store your headquarters during fair week—next Thursday-Friday-Saturday, September 21-22-23. Call and inspect the different lines of the latest merchandise we have.



Hats Off!

AHAT you will doff with pride—pride in the possession of a hat that would be at home on the fashionable promenades of the metropolitan cities. The hat of the hour wherever you go.

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Always worth more than they cost.

Men's hats—\$3.50 to \$5 Stetson hats—\$7 to \$10

STYLISH MILLINERY

—A cordial invitation is extended to every lady and miss to visit our big millinery department on fair days. We want you to see the beautiful new displays of artistic models designed by foremost designers. May of the hats are reproduction of winning Paris models so moderately priced.

Ladies'—\$2.50 to \$25.00 Misses'—\$2.00 to \$7.50

NEW NOVELTIES

—A very pretty line of new beads, bags, purses, vanity boxes, neckwear, boidoir caps, braid, linen stamped articles, tossils, fancy ornaments and a very pretty line of ladies handkerchiefs, etc. may be found in our novelty department—low prices.

STAPLE DRY GOODS

—Our stock of staple dry goods was never more complete than now. You may rest assured that if you purchase your wants in this store you will get the very lowest price possible, quality considered. They include gingham, outings, cantons, sheetings, tickings, calicos, cotton checks, cotton and wool dress goods, linings, toweling, black and brown domestics, bed spreads, art cloths. All our staple dry goods was purchased several months ago when cotton was around the lowest price of the year, and we have marked down our goods on this low price notwithstanding present high cotton prices.

SHOES AND SLIPPERS

—We have the newest styled shoes and slippers for both old and young members of the family. We are now showing a big complete line of Queen Quality shoes for ladies and growing girls—\$3.00 to \$6.50 per pair. Child's shoes - oxfords—\$1.25 to \$3.50 Infant's shoes - slippers—\$1 to \$2.50

—Don't forget that we will sell one \$75.00 sewing machine for five cents Saturday, September 29, at four p. m. With each 25c purchase made up to Saturday at four p. m. we will give a ticket we will sell one \$75.00 sewing machine for five cents.

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Friday Morning, September 21st, 1923.



For the second or third time, Al Spencer, the notorious bandit of Oklahoma, has been killed.

The citizens of Decatur bid you welcome to the biggest and best county fair in this part of Texas.

The big county fair is on and in full blast in Decatur. "Come over and help us" put the big pot in the little one!

Texas had better watch out—Governor Walton had just as soon as not extend martial law across Red river. He'd do it too if he took the notion.

Each low descending sun in Wonderful Wise county sees the cotton market in Delightful Decatur close at the high peak in Texas. Some cotton market here.

It is said that when the Texas beauties appeared on the board walk in Atlantic City the mermaids of the deep appeared and threatened to throw up their jobs.

Keep Wise county money at home by buying from home merchants and patronizing home industry. Every dollar sent away only depletes our money circulation here.

Another thing: Henry would be in favor of giving the sweet democratic office-holders a substantial boost in salaries. Down with all opposition to the daddy of Eldelel.

We accept the statement that one swallow does not make spring; and we rise to suggest to the new-comers in the west that one crop does not make a land of milk and honey.

Tarrant county spooning parties are objecting to Motor Cop Dalton's activities. The cop is objecting to the spooning parties' invasions of Wise county. So, there you are.

If there were more pull-together, and less little, contemptible bickerings in this good town, the old place would take on a hump along the road of progress that would put a camel to shame.

The patriotic citizens of Decatur are banded together to give the biggest and best fair ever held in this section of the state, and if you miss attending the celebration you will regret it.

A woman in Fort Worth the other day proceeded to rid herself of an annoying husband by dispatching him to Kingdom Come via the pistol route. A perfectly good husband will not annoy his wife.

Some of these days the Fort Worth & Denver will build a branch road into the metropolis—Dallas. If the Denver people are the smart people we believe they are they will build the branch from Decatur, thru Denton.

Adjutant General Barton states he is a candidate for governor of Texas, with the colonel from Denton to be heard from. With Barton and Owsley in the running some high private may enter the contest and carry off the honor.

Our political scouts report that Henry Ford would accept the democratic nomination for president. With Henry the standard bearer of the sublime and saintly old organization, it would be all over, except the distribution of the princely offices.

Governor Walton of Oklahoma continues on a rampage, which threatens the peace and dignity of his state. A man was arrested in Oklahoma the other day for saying the governor was drunk on power. Whatever it is, the gentleman has taken on an over-dose.

Joseph W. Bailey has thrown the cloak of his approval upon the shoulders of Morris Sheppard—which is why Morris is wearing a broad smile these days. This is certainly refreshing news to Cullen Thomas and Pat Neff—both of whom have been accused of casting their eyes longingly toward Sheppard's place in congress.

The fast thinning ranks of the anti-pros say the prohibition laws are being flagrantly violated. Daily press reports say bank robbers and man killers continue defying the law.

Welcome to the student body of Decatur Baptist College. The enrollment is larger than usual owing to the boosting done this summer by Wise county people. Don't let the boosting stop—keep it up till next fall and the attendance will continue to grow.

Wise county cotton growers who were a little pinched, probably embarrassed a tiny bit, on account of not being able to meet all obligations last year, are now rushing to the banks with bales of the long-green and inviting the accommodating merchants to help themselves.

Editor Miller of the Mineral Wells Index has been chalked up to make a speech before the Texas Editorial Association at its meeting on the gulf-washed coast on "Why I Live in Mineral Wells." It is reported that Miller is growing gray and losing his molars in his efforts to cook up a reasonable story.

The merchants have their organization; the wholesalers have their organization; the newspaper publishers have theirs. Then why in the name of Sam Hill this objection to the farmers banding together for protection against the wolfish speculators who have been waxing fat on farmers' products. Tell us, partner!

The W. C. T. U. organization is out with a demand that bathing beauty revues be conducted with more respect for law and order. The good ladies request that the beauties wear more clothing when parading before the eager throngs. Question: Would there be an eager throng if the girls did not display more "development" than dress?

Oscar Underwood is a good democrat, and he is deserving of many honors and so-forth. But at this particular time the hungry hordes of the select in the good Lord's vineyard want a whack at the pie counter, and to bring about the delectable occasion it behooves the democratic party to use wisdom in selecting a man who can deliver like a Dempsey.

Mr. Jack Dempsey knocked the stuffin's out of Senor Firpo the other night in New York, and for slugging his man into insensibility he was paid the neat sum of half a million good dollars. The slugged one, Senor Firpo, received a tidy amount—one hundred and sixty thousand simoleons. A million and quarter dollars was taken in at the gates. Eighty some-odd thousand people paid from \$2.50 to \$27.50 for tickets to see the contest between the men. It is against the law of the land for two men to meet on the streets and engage in a fist fight. Yet, two bruisers train for months in preparation to slam daylight out of each other before a shouting, hilarious crowd of people. And, the same law that says "Thou shalt not," deputises its uniformed representatives to protect and guard the bruisers in their efforts to maul their way to fortune.

It is rumored that the evangelist who was here recently offended some of our citizens who have not been walking the straight and narrow path. Too bad! T-o-o dog-gone b-a-d! And to think the evangelist could have saved himself all the worry, heart-ache and sleepless nights he has experienced over the criticism that has been heaped upon him since he closed the meeting and left town! How easy it would have been for him to have put on the cushioned peddle in saying things about the church members who drink mean whiskey and shoot craps with sorry negroes! How much nicer it would have been had he tickled the she-wolf gossipers under the chins, and patted the he-hound rounders on the backs, and told 'em they were not bad! 'Course it's none of our affair; but, just couldn't keep from thinking that the preacher could have been saved the terrible anguish he has suffered over the criticism that has been handed him since he left town!

The farmers' union is now undergoing the acid test. The fellows who seek the destruction of the organization have smart, sleek operators in the land, and every trick known in

the game is being tried out on the members of the union. An old farmers' alliance wrecking stunt is being put on, but the forked-creek boys are holding firm. When cotton is selling for twenty-eight cents the country over, don't you know there is a decayed condition in Denmark when you are plucked off and offered thirty cents for your cotton? If the enemies of the organization can get you to break away for ten bucks on a bale of cotton; your neighbors falls for the same bait, and in a short time descension and dissatisfaction break in the ranks, and before the season is out of swaddling clothes the organization is shot to pieces and wreckers proceed to pound the price downward. United, the farmers can get what they richly deserve; divided, they are easy picking for the operators.

Trade at Home.

When a resident of any city, town or community makes the casual remark that he can not see why he should buy of home town merchants or show a preference for home manufactured goods he sets the more thoughtful individual to thinking, and he is apt to think along straight lines. He has heard a strange sentiment expressed that wakes him up, and he is apt to reflect somewhat after this fashion:

"Now, if all the citizens in this town talked and felt as this man does we couldn't and wouldn't have much of a town, and neither community nor state would be getting just returns for the expense and trouble it has gone to in building up the community, and for the civil government it has established for safeguarding the lives and property and other interests of its citizens. It would not be just compensation for providing schools, parks and jobs for the wage earners and business for the merchants to enable them to make a good living. Such a man is not giving value received for what he gets out of the community of common interests."

"On the other hand the home patronage and home industry proposition works something like this: If the local merchant neglects or refuses to reciprocate in patronizing those who patronize him, he is not doing his fair share either. If he does not buy his boxes, brooms and mattresses, for instance, of the home manufacturer, and sends his orders away for such goods, he gets the goods, to be sure, but the out-of-the-state firm gets the money, and thus it is taken out of the home circulation market and it lessens the wealth of the community just that much."

"And moreover, the box and broom makers, the mattress makers, and the proverbial butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker is deprived of so much needed employment, and it hurts, for the local laborer and salaried person in town has less money to spend with the grocer, the clothier, the dry goods man and everyone else in business; and so because a link in the chain of economies is made weaker and less efficient."

"It works the same way when a family sends its orders to Squeers, Sawbuck & Co., or other big mail catalogue houses in Chiyork for household supplies, the struggling home merchant or jobber and the state manufacturer or jobber is deprived of his legitimate trade, but he is called upon just the same to contribute to a multitude of small benevolences and enterprises, and he must submit without protest to being plucked about every so often and occasionally in between times."

"So let it be understood that the business man is a very useful and necessary adjunct to any community, for he not only affords employment to others, but he is among the heaviest taxpayers of the home government for offensive and defensive purposes, so that he is entitled to consideration and support. It is thus seen that home patronage has its selfish side, and its loyal side that appeal to us both going and coming."

"Reciprocity is a grand and noble institution when made to work both ways. It then falls upon the community like manna from heaven. It radiates a sustaining and soothing influence upon all persons and interests alike. It is a human sort of sentiment that needs to be more generally as well as more generously practiced. It is the Golden Rule applied to home building and business affairs. It relates to everybody and everything."

"If the rule were more generally observed there would be bigger and better home and state mercantile, manufacturing and jobbing concerns, more employment and lower taxes, and there would be fewer voluminous dog-eared catalogues of the big out-of-state mail order houses in use."

An eminent judge of London who wrote a wretched hand once sent a note to a friend among the lawyers seated at the barrister's table. Not being able to make anything of it, the friend scribbled something absolutely undecipherable on a half sheet of note paper and passed it up to the justice. The great man looked somewhat annoyed at it and said to his friend:

"What do you mean by this? I invited you to come and dine with me tonight."

"Yes," said the lawyer, "and I just replied that I should be delighted to accept the invitation."

Dull—"What do you like most about her."

Droll—"My arms."

For Best Cake

BEWLEY MILLS WILL GIVE ONE 48-POUND SACK OF

Bewley's Best
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For the best cake made of this flour and brought to our booth on the square before noon on Saturday, September 22nd. And we will also give

One 48-pound sack of Bewley's Best Flour for the best loaf of bread made from this flour.

ONE 48-POUND SACK OF

Dainty Dorothy
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For the second best cake, made of Dainty Dorothy Flour.

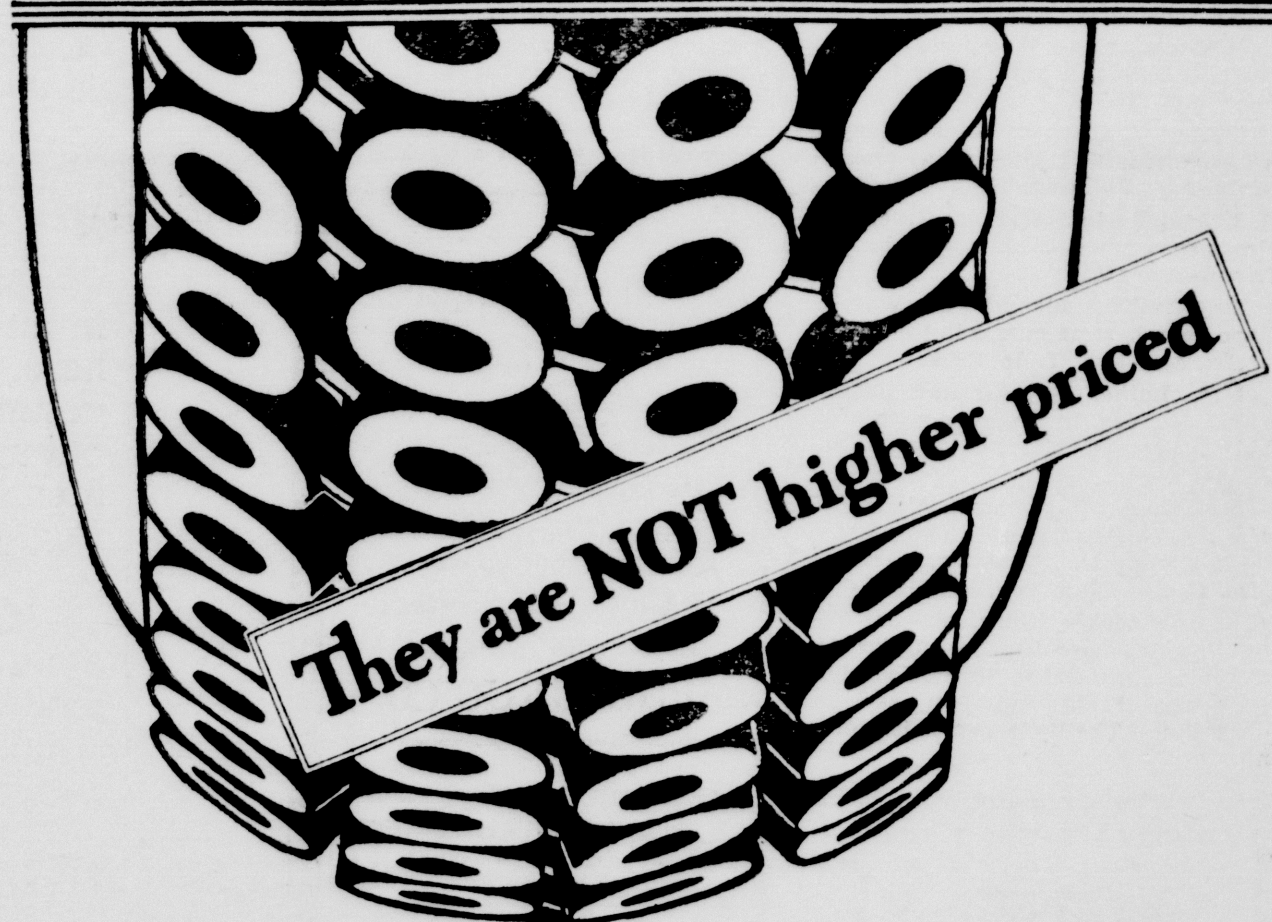
One sack of Dainty Dorothy Flour for the second best loaf of bread baked from this flour.

Cakes and bread will be sold Saturday at noon, proceeds going to various Missionary Societies of Decatur.

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A cut in prices ranging to 15% and

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SUMMIT GARAGE

FARM LABOR UNION GROWS IN COUNTY

As the Wise County Farm Labor Union has been invited by the Wise County Messenger to offer the public news pertaining to the principles of the Farm Labor Union of America, I wish to thank the editors for the privilege, as I recognize the fact that our newspapers are the greatest lone factors and methods by which we may broadcast light. The newspaper is the window thru which light of intelligence is flashed to the people of our nation.

First, I wish to call attention to the second clause of the preamble of our constitution which reads: "Not to interfere with any business or profession other than those engaged in gambling and speculating in farm products;" also third clause which reads: "That we may better enable ourselves to be progressive and advance the common welfare of rural life, socially, morally, intellectually and financially." Fifth clause: "Our sympathies are not confined to any one section or class, but the down-trodden of all laboring classes of America."

In article two, section one, you will find that "we are friendly with all laboring unions, industrial and commercial enterprises and those political bodies that are friendly with us, who do not use their power or influence to retard the progress of the Farm Labor Union of America."

In section two, article two, you will find that "we solicit the aid of all business institutions, organizations and unions that we may obtain and retain a fair price for our products."

In article four, section one, you will find that "we do not endorse the burning of property, nor doing bodily harm to any person."

In article six, section one, you will find that "a person, to be eligible to become a member of the Farm Labor Union of America, must be at least eighteen years of age, be an actual dirt farmer or farm laborer, a producer of farm products and resides on the farm. Farmers or farm laborers who live in villages or towns whose only interest is farming are also eligible to membership."

I now ask the question: Who in the world, with a clear mind and willing to grant to the other fellow the same rights they take, objects to the above. Now, some may say if you people accomplish the marketing of your products I will lose my job. That is alright with us as we consider you a good fellow but in the wrong business. We do not see any reason for green beans selling in this county at three cents per pound—a producer planting, cultivating and gathering a crop of beans and hauling them to town and receiving three cents per pound—and those same beans, not more than twenty-four hours later, selling for fifteen cents per pound to the consumers at Wichita Falls, not more than ninety miles away. We know the difference is too great between the producer and consumer, not just on beans but all products we have to sell.

We do not propose to cure any ills of the farm over night, nor all of them in one year, but we have cured a part of them already, and anyone on the inside of the Farm Labor Union of America knows this to be true. We know we have obtained a better price for our stuff.

You have been told that some men of the union shipped some stuff last year and had not gotten their money yet. I wish to state that I know this is untrue, for no member has ever lost a penny on products shipped by our agents by shipping, or by getting a lower price than he could have sold for at home. I have heard some say no agent can handle my stuff. I can not see why any farmer can take such a stand, for reason will teach that cotton or any other products sold in

pool lots can be sold at better prices than one bale at a time or by the load of wheat, corn, melons or any other products. One thing sure when a member of the Farm Labor Union of America instructs the agent to sell so-and-so for him, you can bet your life that Mr. Agent is under a gilt edge bond; that he has a straight road in front and a prison behind him and on both sides.

We believe the time is near when the scream of the whistle calling nine million little innocent children into the mills, mines, cotton fields and factories to have their efforts and tender bodies spoiled will cease and instead the toll of the school bell will ring clear in their ears, and then will the working people have an opportunity to develop into a higher and grander and nobler civilization.

I would like to assist any school district wishing to organize a union. Write me and I will assure you of help.

L. A. WESTERN,
County Secretary of the Wise County Farm Labor Union.

DECATUR LAWYER BACK FROM COAST

Attorney M. W. Burch returned Saturday from a several days' stay in Corpus Christi and Rockport, where he was called on legal business. He was leading counsel in a case in which State Game Commissioner W. W. Boyd was being sued by parties who had been charged with violating the state game laws. Agents of the commissioner had destroyed nets that were found in the gulf, which according to the statements of the agents were contrary to law. Messenger understands the commissioner and bondsmen were sued for \$30,000, but the jury saw only \$300 damage in the suit. The case will be taken into another court, removed from an influence in that section favorable to the trapping of fish.

It is said that the Decatur attorney acquitted himself in splendid manner in conducting this suit, which attracted attention throughout the gulf coast district.

BAPTIST CHURCH

On account of the rain last Sunday our rally day program was postponed till next Sunday. So, next Sunday morning we will have our big rally day program. The rally day workers are asked to remind their friends again that next Sunday is the time when everybody is expected to start in again in the Sunday school work.

The college has opened with greatly increased enrollment over last year and we will have the college students with us next Sunday for the first time. Every member of the local church ought to be present next Sunday morning to join in the welcome extended to our visitors.

The whole church is happy over the return of Professor H. P. Black, who so ably directed the choir last year. He is expected to be in charge of the music next Sunday morning. There is considerable musical talent also in the new student body and in the new members of the faculty.

The pastor will preach next Sunday at eleven a. m. and seven forty-five p. m. Come to rally day next Sunday at ten o'clock.—R. E. BELL, Pastor.

NAME OF DECATUR HOTLY CONTESTED

The original name of Decatur was Taylorville, given it by its founder, Colonel A. Bishop in honor of General Zachary Taylor. This name was retained until January 7th, 1858, when Mr. Bishop, while a member of the Texas legislature, secured the adoption of a resolution which changed the name from Taylorville to Decatur in honor of Commodore Stephen A. Decatur, an American admiral in the revolutionary war, and suggested by Mrs. Bishop, wife of the county's most prominent citizen.

The location of Taylorville, which afterward was named Decatur, came after a most stubborn and hot contest there being not less than six communities in the county zealously and vigorously making bids for the location. The strongest opposition found by Colonel Bishop and his followers, who championed the present location, came from Deep Creek and Halsell Valley neighborhoods, whose people clamored for the valley about one mile south of the site that was finally selected. The leaders for the Halsell Valley forces were Sam Woody and Ben Crews, the last-named gentleman having agreed to donate sufficient land on which to locate the town. The contest for the honor became a fight between the north and south parts of the county and the fight waxed warm until the last vote was counted. When the results were declared it was found that the Bishop party had been defeated, and there was much rejoicing in the ranks of the Woody-Crews following. The big fight was not over with the counting of the ballots and the declaration of the results of this election, for in a few days charges of irregularities were filed by the Bishop contingent and the boxes were opened, and without much ado on the part of election judges the votes of the Woody-Crews party were thrown out and Bishop's selection was given the location.

When the decision was made a big celebration was held on the site where now stands the town of Decatur. A pole from which flew a United States flag was planted in the center of what is now the public square, and the people were invited to come and make merry.

Immediately after the decision was given the Bishop party, workmen were sent into the bottoms of Sweet water Creek and a large supply of burr-oak stakes were cut and hauled to the site for use of the surveyors in their work of laying off the new town. After the square and streets had been surveyed a lot sale was put on. The lots on the square brought one hundred dollars each. Six lots were sold during the big sale.

Tradition says that Colonel Bishop while a member of the legislature from this county in 1857-58, decided to change the name of the county seat, which had been named after General Taylor, because Taylor had turned Whig in politics, and Colonel Bishop being a radical democrat.

I kissed her in the parlor,
I kissed her in the hall;
But the best kiss I ever got,
Was the kiss I dreamed I got
Before I kissed her at all.

RENFRO REPORTED ALIVE BY BROTHER

San Antonio, September 17.—Rev. J. T. Renfro, missing klan lecturer and Baptist pastor of Sinton, Texas, who was located in Washington after a nation-wide search, is en route to klan headquarters at Atlanta, according to E. E. Renfro, the klan's brother.

Mrs. Renfro, wife of the missing pastor, with her two children, left Corpus Christi late Saturday night for Atlanta. She is expected to go to the home of her father, E. B. Moore, at Gadsden, Alabama.

Rev. Renfro dropped from sight in San Antonio on August 22nd.

WILL RE-ORGANIZE EDUCATION SYTEM

National Education Association has closed its convention in San Francisco with a very definite and concrete policy, which it is putting before the American people with every force in its power. Summarized, it is working for adequate public school finance, rigid Americanization of the foreign born, a new rural school policy, a drive against governmental parsimony in education and the passage of the education bill.

The central features of a forward looking program, covering at least the next decade of service, are: A comprehensive education program to aid in the assimilation of the foreign born; such a re-organization of the school curricula as will adapt the schools better to new conditions and needs in national life, the re-organization and re-direction of our rural education, that the best of American farmers may be retained on the farms; a much more general equalization of both advantages and the burdens of education thru a more extensive pooling of the costs for maintaining what is for the common good of all; provision for the placing of an adequately education and adequately trained teacher in every classroom in the United States; and the nationalizing of education in the minds of our people with some intelligent form of national aid in school support to insure a better equalization of both the advantages and the burdens of education as between the states of the United States.

She—"If you could see my heart you would see your name written upon it."

He—"Yes, but I am afraid your heart would look like a hotel register."

For Sale—A bull-dog; will eat anything; is fond of children.

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"Say, there, black man, can't yo play honest? Ah knows what cairds Ah done dealt yo."

"Look yonder, Tom. Isn't that a beautiful girl? I'd give five dollars for a kiss from her."

"Good lord man, don't ever go to see her then, or it will cost you a cool million plunks!"



I'm happy because I've got **MONEY** in the **BANK**. It makes me happy to see it **Grow**.

—Are you satisfied with what you are doing with your money? Stop and think.

—Start a bank account.

—Put your money in our bank.

First National Bank

Decatur : : : Texas.

"Buy It In Decatur"

Read THESE Prices

GOODRICH and FISK TIRES

FABRIC		CORD	
30x3	non-skid... \$ 9.50	30x3½	cords.....\$12.50
30x3½	non-skid...\$11.50	31x4	cords.....\$22.50
31x4	non-skid...\$15.95	32x4	cords.....\$25.75
32x4	non-skid...\$19.25	33x4	cords.....\$26.75
33x4	non-skid...\$20.25		

Other sizes in comparison with the above.

THESE TIRES ARE ALL FRESH STOCK—SEE THEM

Vista Storage Batteries

Ford size—one-year guarantee—\$18.50
Ford size—ninety-day guarantee—\$15.00

WE ARE PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF BATTERY WORK

SUN VISORS
While They Last—\$6.00.

We carry a complete stock of auto accessories and parts.

General Auto Repairing

THE ABOVE PRICES ARE FOR CASH!

Come to the County Fair and Leave Your Car With Us

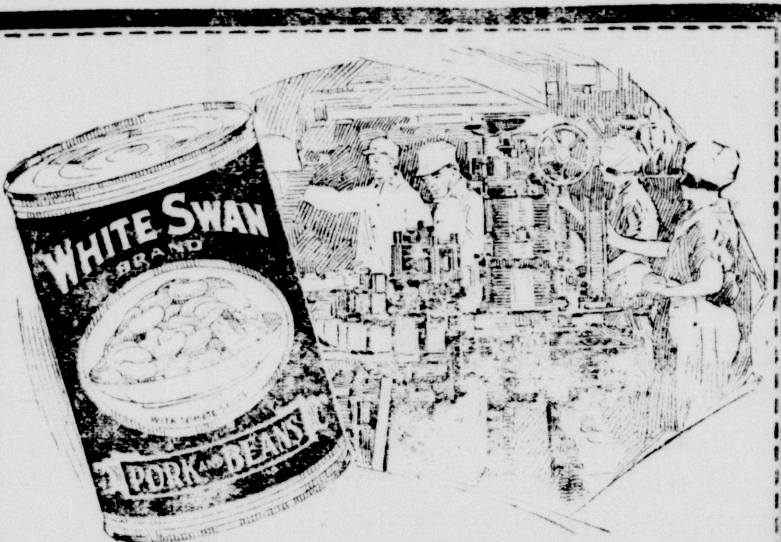
Meridian Garage

East Main Street— —:— —Decatur, Texas

Inactive Liver

"I have had trouble with an inactive liver," wrote Mrs. S. Nichols, of 4412 Spencer St., Houston, Texas. "When I would get constipated, I would feel a light, dizzy feeling in my head. To get up in the morning with a lightness in the head and a trembly feeling is often a sign that the stomach is out of order. For this I took **Thedford's Black-Draught**, and without a doubt can say I have never found its equal in any liver medicine. It not only cleans the liver, but leaves you in such a good condition. I have used it a long time, when food does not seem to set well, or the stomach is a little sour."

If it isn't
Thedford's
it isn't
BLACK-DRAUGHT
Liver Medicine.



Each perfect shaped bean cooked to a turn

A special White Swan recipe and the experience of White Swan cooks prevent under- or over-cooking. A selection of the finest tomatoes and not too much pork make a sauce with a new taste—a flavor all its own that will bring you back for more.

Serve them just as they come from the can, or heat them if you prefer—either way they add zest to the meal. Even if you are tired of ordinary beans, you can begin all over again with White Swan Brand. And the cost is no more.

The reputation of fifty other White Swan food products over a period of more than half a century could not be maintained by anything but the best.

Your grocer has White Swan Pork and Beans in two sizes—10c and 15c.

WAPLES-PLATTER GROCER COMPANY

White Swan
Pork and Beans
with Tomato Sauce
"BETTER THAN THE LAW REQUIRES"

SONG CONVENTION AT SHILOH SUNDAY

Following is the program for the fifth Sunday singing convention, to be held at Shiloh on Sunday, September 30th, 1923, beginning at one o'clock in the afternoon:

Music—Ed Cates.
Prayer—Chaplain.
Welcome—Mr. Bond.
Music—Homer Williamson.
Response—Venor Patterson.
Song—Roe Shoemaker.
Song—Ed Young.
Song—Dick Rieger.
Song—John Lowance.
Special—H. M. Derryberry.
Music—Alton Ford.
Music—Weaver Williamson.
Music—Charlie Sparks.
Music—Simp Privitt.
Music—Sam Hardeman.
Music—Will Peyton.
Music—A. S. Butler.
Music—John Sparks.
Music—Tom Greer.
Music—Ed Gentry.
Music—Ester Wall.
Music—Charlie Perkins.
Music—C. C. Henderson.
Music—J. C. Dunaway.
Music—Posey Lee.
Special—Williamson Sisters.
Music—Jim Robertson.
Special—Glenn Dunaway.
Music—Henry Young.
Special—Thurman Cook.
Special—Hutt Lee.
Music—William Mulkey.
Special—C. T. Lowance.
Music—Oliver Bond.
Music—Odie McGoy.
Music—Lyn Walker.
Everybody welcome. Singers from all communities are urged to be present. A more complete program will be arranged as singers arrive.

WHITE HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Cleatus Mullins spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Magness.

W. B. Pettus returned home Friday night from McKinney, where he has been picking cotton.

Arthur and Odie Washburn are visiting their cousin, Luther Washburn, near Greenwood.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church September 30th, at three-thirty in the afternoon.

A heavy rain fell here on Sunday morning, which will do much damage to the cotton of this community.

A candy breaking was enjoyed at the home of Lee Washburn Tuesday night. All who were present report a nice time.

Mrs. Elbert Evans received word Saturday afternoon that her cousin, Homer Sherley, was killed in the oil fields of Burk Burnett at ten-thirty Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Evans left immediately for Burk Burnett to attend the funeral.

SCHOOL CHILDREN BEING CARED FOR

In this age of better chickens, hogs and cows would it not be worth while to make a survey of our school children? In an examination of one of our county nearly one-half of the children were found to be undernourished. Every child has a right to good health. If it is not normal in weight and mental development there is a cause for such defect. How many parents take their children to a doctor once or twice a year to be examined if they are not real sick?

The state board of health has offered to send a nurse to this county to make a survey of the schools. A lot of the communities have already asked for her services and she will visit your community if you desire her services and will provide board and room while she is there and also furnish transportation for her to the next community.

No child can develop mental and physical perfection if he is handicapped by poor health, bad eyes or defective hearing. Before saying that your children do not need this work weigh them and then compare their weight with that of a normal child of that age. A slight defect corrected now may avoid serious trouble later.

Every doctor that I have talked with in Wise county is heartily in sympathy with this work and has offered his services in his community. If you want this work, notify me soon.

EFFIE PRICE,
County Superintendent Wise County.

ALVORD NEWS (News.)

L. C. Edwards and family attended church in Decatur Sunday. In the afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. Edwards' sister, Miss Ida Hasty, drove to Fort Worth, where they visited Forest Park, taking in the sights and seeing the animals in the zoo.

John P. Gill, who has been rural free delivery carrier on route one out of this office nearly nineteen years, has been retired on a neat pension. Uncle John as he is commonly known has been one of the most efficient carriers this office ever had.

Cleatus Mullins, the son of C. D. Mullins, and Miss Veron Magness, the daughter of M. Magness, were united in marriage Thursday night at the home of Rev. A. A. Swain of Seagraves, Rev. Swain officiating. The newlyweds have many friends who wish them much happiness and prosperity.

In London they were discussing advertising. "Great stuff, these electric signs on Broadway," said the Yankee. They've got one advertising Wrigley's gum, runs a whole block, two hundred and fifty thousand electric bulbs." "How many?" cried the astonished Londoner. "Two hundred and fifty thousand," answered the Yankee. The Londoner observed, "But I say isn't that a bit conspicuous."

"My wife stayed up after one this morning." "Well?" "I was the one she was after." Servant—"There's a man come to see you, ma'am." Mistress—"Well, tell him to take a chair." Servant—"He has, ma'am. He has taken them all, and they're moving the piano now. He's from the furniture store."

"See that girl over there? She was a war bride." "Good Lord! She must be at least seventy." "Yea! She was a civil war bride." Hamms—"My father was once the principal actor at a great public function when the platform fell." Jamms—"Horrors, did he fall to the ground?" Hamms—"No. The rope stopped him."

Notice.

The commissioners' court of Wise county, Texas, will receive bids addressed to S. M. Ward, county judge, at Decatur, Texas, until October 9th, 1923, at one o'clock p. m. on one crawler type tractor engine, twenty-five draw bar horse-power, delivered at Bridgeport, Texas. The commissioners will expect to trade, in five or more head of work

mules, and one or more second-hand graders, and will want four to twelve months' terms on part of purchase price. A certified check for five per cent of the amount of the bid must accompany each bid to insure delivery of machinery contracted for. The commissioners' court reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids. (Sep 14-Oct 5) Come to the Wise county fair!

BIG EIGHT DAY SALE

To show the people of Wise County our appreciation of their presence in Decatur during our three-day street fair, we are going to place on sale for eight days, starting Saturday, September 15th, and closing Saturday, September 22, many real money-saving values. For the lack of space and time we will mention only a few of the many real values we will have to offer, but our store will be arranged and priced in plain figures to make your shopping easy.

ALL-WOOL SUITS

—Men's all wool suits, neatly tailored, some with belted backs and some without—and priced right—\$29.50, \$19.50 and \$16.50

MEN'S RAINCOATS

—For eight days only we will sell men's leatherett rain coats, regular \$15.00 values at greatly reduced price—\$8.95.

MOLE SKIN PANTS

—We will sell men's mole skin pants that you would pay \$3.50 for elsewhere—\$2.48

MEEN'S DRESS SHOES

—One lot men's dress shirts in all the newest patterns—our sale price—69c.

VALUES IN SHOES

—We will place on sale these eight days one counter pumps and oxfords for ladies, values to \$5.00, sale price—\$2.48. Lot of children's brown oxfords in Foot-Form last, values up to \$2.50, sale price—\$1.00.

DRESS GINGHAMS

—We will place on sale these eight days new fall dress gingham at special prices—15c. —One lot dress gingham 10c

MEN'S DRSS SHOES

—We have men's dress shoes in all the new lasts and leathers priced—\$3.50, and \$4.95



NEWEST FALL HATS

—We have a beautiful color assortment of ladies' new hats for fall wear—wonderful values at prices—\$3.95 to \$8.50.

FLORSHEIM SHOES

—Men's Florsheim shoes just arrived—\$9.95.

READY-TO-WEAR

—Ladies' coats, coat suits and dresses and children's coats in our stocks are the most wonderful showing we have ever made. Just one peep at the new coats, coat suits and dresses will convince you we have a wonderful line at very reasonable prices. Ladies' dresses—\$16.50 to \$39.50 Ladies' coats—\$12.50 to \$49.50 Ladies' suits—\$16.50 to \$45.00

MEN'S WORK SHOES

—Men's work shoes in all the wanted sizes—\$1.95 to \$4.95.

PIECE GOODS VALUES

—In our piece goods department you will find all the new dress materials for the fall and winter season—poiret twill, silk and wool canton crepe, taffeta, silk ratine, silk crepe knit, mes-salines and crepe de chine—in all the new shades. Reasonably priced—\$1.59 to \$4.50

LADIES' SILK HOSE

—For eight days only we will offer ladies' regular \$1.50 silk hose for—95c.

SWEATER VALUES

—School days are now on and the boys and girls will need a good warm sweater apiece for the cool fall and winter months. Ladies' sweaters—\$2.95 to \$7.50 Boys' and girls—\$2.50 to \$3.50

BLANKET BARGAINS

—We will place on sale during this eight-day sale one lot plaid blankets, worth \$4.50 to \$5.00, at a special price—\$3.95.

LADIES' PUMPS AND OXFORDS

—You will find us headquarters for the season's new styles. See our shoes before you buy. New black patents, black satins and browns in one and two strap pumps and oxfords. Men's knit ties now for only 35c Men's black half hose only 11c Men's brown half hose only 11c

For lack of time as the paper is now going to press, we have quoted only a few of the many real values that we are going to offer.

RIEGER BROTHERS

FREE! We will give away absolutely FREE on November 2, at 4 p. m., one \$45 Axminster rug. Ask us about it. **FREE!**

OLD RIVALS PLAY BALL SATURDAY

Last Baseball Game of Season is Between Alford & Decatur

One of the best features of the fair was arranged yesterday when a baseball game was matched between Decatur and Alford teams. These old rivals will play the last game of the season at the college ball field Saturday afternoon, September twenty-second, at three o'clock. Lancaster, the one pitcher in the world who always had Decatur's nanny, will again face the locals in the box, while he will be opposed by the pride of Decatur's twirling staff, Sagebrush Nobles, who has hurled many an air-tight contest for the Decatur team. This game will be worth the money, and should draw a capacity crowd. Come out and see the old rivals hook up in a real battle.

Hard—"I hear your mother-in-law just died. Did she leave you anything?"
 Luck—"Oh yes, to be sure. Her daughter."
 "Waiter, bring me the nine things I like."
 "What are they, sir?"
 "Hash."

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:
 You are hereby commanded to summon Joe M. Cates, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Decatur, Texas, on the last Monday in November, A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1923, in as it numbered on the docket of said court No. 5251, wherein Mrs. Beniah Lindley and W. H. Portwood are plaintiffs, and C. M. Cates, C. O. Cates, Piner L. Cates, Joe M. Cates, Mrs. Stella J. Allen and Ben F. Allen are defendants, and said petition alleging that plaintiffs and defendants are the joint owners and seeking partition of the following real property situated in Wise county, Texas:

First tract: 418 acres of land out of the M. Cooper survey located about three miles east from Decatur, and being the land conveyed by H. C. Allen and wife to E. O. Cates by deed shown of record in volume 22 page 70 of the deed records of Wise county, Texas.
 Second tract: 320 acres of land suited on Black Creek north of Decatur, and being the land patented to E. H. Lindley, as assignee of Abel Hodges, patent No. 419, volume 8, and conveyed by D. C. Cates to E. O. Cates by deed recorded in volume — page 624 of the deed records of Wise county.
 Third tract: Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 in block G of the D. C. Cates addition to the city of Decatur, as shown by the plat of said addition.
 Fourth tract: The west three-quarters of block No. 20 of the original town of Decatur, Texas, as shown by the plat of said original town of Decatur, and including all of the International Hotel lot.
 Fifth tract: All other parcels, lots or blocks of land belonging to the heirs of E. O. Cates, deceased, including especially all unsold portions of the D. C. Cates addition to the town or city of Decatur, as shown by the plat thereof.
 Plaintiffs allege that they own an undivided three-eighths of said above property, and seek to have that amount of same set apart to them in partition of same.
 Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
 Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this 14th day of August, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk of the district court, Wise county, Texas. (Sept 7-28)

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Owen's Barber Shop
 SHARP RAZORS
 CLEAN TOWELS
 GOOD WORKMANSHIP!
 McMURRAY-GETTYS BLDG.

METHODIST CHURCH

All our regular services will be held at the regular hours next Sunday. Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and 7:45 p. m. The junior, intermediate and senior leagues will meet at 3:00, 6:30 and 7:00 p. m. respectively. We will have a leader to meet the juniors, Mrs. Rogers will meet the intermediates and all the young people from sixteen years and up are urged to meet with the seniors for a get-together meeting.

Bishop John B. Moore will be with us next Wednesday night of the twenty-sixth, and will preach for us at 8:00 o'clock. Following the sermon the people of Decatur will have opportunity to meet him and say whatever they desire relative to the district and any other matter concerning the church in Decatur. We must give our distinguished leader a full house and a good hearing. The reception given him in Decatur may determine the maintenance or the dissolution of this district at the end of this conference year.

We are now in the last month of this church year. Our conference meets in Gainesville on the seventeenth of October and it is necessary for us all to work hard and work together from here out to make a creditable report. At a meeting of the pastors with the presiding elder at Bridgeport last Tuesday the indications were that nearly all the charges of the district will pay every financial claim in full. Let's keep the Decatur church in the lead as it is and has been hitherto. Let all the officials keep busy on the job and follow the leadership of Brother McMurray, the chairman, and we will come out in the end with everything up.

We are gratified with the reception of about twenty new members from the recent meeting. We are also receiving others by certificate, of whom we are proud. While several have been dismissed from our membership, we have had a net increase of sixteen this year. This indicates a healthy and hopeful church life. Let every member renew his or her zeal in the work of the church and we shall be able to close the year's work successfully.

Great Lecturer—"In the South Sea Islands it costs eight spear-heads to get a wife."
 Much Lectured—"In this country it takes only one bonehead."

DR. GILBERT USING BEST PREPARATION

I am using Ferrasal for indigestion and acid stomach and it is the best preparation I have ever taken. I also recommend it in my practice for pyorrhea and acid condition of the mouth and am getting excellent results. I know others will appreciate Ferrasal as much as I do if you will bring it to their attention. Yours very truly—Dr. J. M. Gilbert, 1413 1/2 Elm street, Dallas, Texas. Fifty cents per box at Sanders & Ingram, druggists.—Adv. (23-1f)

J. M. Crisp has returned from a trip to Vernon and Quanah.

Henry and Tom Smith of Fort Worth were up Tuesday.

"Could you do something for a poor old sailor?" asked the seedy looking wanderer at the gate.
 "Poor old sailor?" echoed a woman at the tub.
 "Yes'm, I followed the water for sixteen years."
 "Well," said the woman after a critical look, "you certainly don't look like you ever caught up with it."

NO. 12416.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of Comptroller of the Currency
 Washington, D. C., July 21st, 1923.
 Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned it has been made to appear that "the First National Bank of Paradise" in the town of Paradise, in the county of Wise and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence business of banking:

Now therefore, I, Henry M. Dawes, comptroller of the currency, do hereby certify that "the First National Bank of Paradise" in the town of Paradise, in the county of Wise and state of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the revised statutes of the United States.

Conversion of the Paradise State Bank, Paradise, Texas.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this twenty-first day of July, 1923.—HENRY M. DAWES, Comptroller of the Currency (Aug 3-Sept 28)

SLIDELL NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fletcher, on Saturday, September 15, 1923, a son.

The E. S. Doyle gin had put out, at the close of work Saturday night, three hundred and ninety-four bales of cotton.

J. E. Witherspoon and family are this week moving to Denton, where Miss Ruth will continue her work in the North Texas Teachers' College.

The home of J. W. Wright on the Inmon farm burned last Saturday. Most of the household goods were saved. Insurance partly covered the loss.

Because of the unexpectedly large yield of cotton in the community and the need for the children in the fields the school board has postponed the opening of school to October 1st.

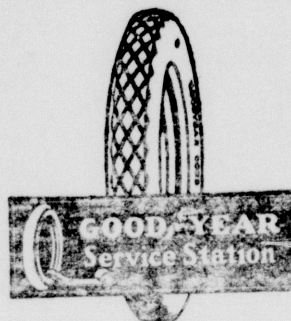
Those who are leaving this week to attend college are: Cantrell Hayes, Foard Doyle, Aletha Balthrop and Eula Lewis to Decatur Baptist College at Decatur; Faye Reid, Monnie Dell Fortenberry and Ruth Witherspoon to the North Texas Teachers' College at Denton; Thelma Atcheson to the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

Notice of Bankrupt Sale.

In the district court of the United States for the northern district of Texas at Fort Worth: In the matter of James Riley—No. 1187 in bankruptcy. To the creditors of the above named bankrupt, lien holders and other parties at interest:

You are notified that on the 25th day of September, 1923 at ten o'clock a. m. at my office, 912 Dan Waggoner building, city of Fort Worth, Texas, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real property located in Wise county, Texas, as assets of this estate, to-wit:

Three hundred and thirteen acres of land, more or less, situated about



THE sure-footed, long-wearing, All-Weather Tread of a Goodyear Cord is the best tire insurance you can have. The high, thick, sharp-edged blocks of that famous tread dig wedge-like through mud or snow to slipless footing, carrying on steadily or coming to a sure, safe stop.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers we sell and recommend the new Goodyear Cords with the beveled All-Weather Tread and back them up with standard Goodyear Service.

BOYD GARAGE, Boyd
 J. C. BARNHILL, Chlco
 DECATUR MOTOR COMPANY
 BRIDGEPORT MOTOR COMPANY
GOODYEAR

twelve miles northeast of the town of Decatur, comprised of four tracts, as follows:

First tract: One hundred and fourteen acres, being all of the John H. Longley survey, patented to him by Patent No. 83, volume 11, dated September 16th, 1860.

Second tract: Sixty-eight acres off of the south end of the A. C. Bond 128.5 acres survey, as patented September 17th, 1887, recorded in volume 13, page 43, deed records of Wise county, Texas.

Third tract: Fifty-one acres off of the south end of the F. M. Fitzgerald survey of 109 acres, Patent No. 493, volume 40, dated March 26th, 1873.

Fourth tract: One hundred and fifteen acres, more or less, off of the northeast end of the John H. Logley 160 acre survey, patented to him by Patent No. 280, volume 12, dated

September 17, 1860, recorded in volume F, page 167, deed records of Wise county, Texas.

The above said 313 acres are fully described in a deed of trust given by James Riley to Bonner Loan & Investment Company, beneficiary, recorded in volume 38, page 71-2 deed records of Wise county, Texas, to which reference is made for a more complete description thereof.

The said tracts of land will be sold in their entirety and not separately, subject to a certain deed of trust lien in favor of the Bonner Loan & Investment Company above referred to, but free of any and all other liens and claims of any nature whatsoever.

The said sale will be subject to the confirmation and approval of Honorable Glenn Smith, referee in bankruptcy at Fort Worth, Texas.

This September 7th, 1923.—B. K. ISAACS, trustee in bankruptcy.

Farm Loans

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Also you are pleased when the factories in your town get substantial orders, employ more men, and distribute money in your community.

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Why not take the same attitude toward your public utilities? They, too, in even larger measure, contribute to your community's upbuilding; they employ many people (we have about 1,400), and they spend their money in your local enterprises. We spend millions in Texas each year.

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One eight-inch steel Burr feed mill,
will take \$20.00. Also Ford en-
gine, \$15.00.

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Rhome, Texas.

RHOMÉ PAGE

Rhome News.

Mrs. L. R. Douglas was visiting
in Paradise Saturday.

Dewey Ellis of Wichita Falls spent
last week-end with relatives here.

Miss Laura Roberts leaves this
week for State University at Austin.

Mrs. Robert Reynolds of Decatur, is
with Miss Georgie Beard for a visit.

Miss Gladys Troxell was guest of
Mrs. Clyde Hurley in Fort Worth last
week.

C. E. Spencer attended the Johnson
county association at Burleson last
week.

Mrs. Mollie Beard was guest of her
niece, Mrs. O'Neal, of Justin, last
week.

Mrs. Lillie Oates is in Decatur this
week, guest of her sister, Mrs. John
Scott.

Mrs. A. J. Leach spent Wednesday
with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Leach in
Dallas.

Miss Virginia Bobo leaves for Col-
umbia University in New York next
Friday.

Miss Jennie Hambricht of Decatur,
was transacting business in Rhome
Monday.

Miss Mattie Sullivan left last week
for Bellevue, where she teaches music
this winter.

J. R. Taylor and little daughter,
Frances, were in Fort Worth last
Wednesday.

Mrs. Carl Slay and Miss Mary
Frances Bennett spent last Friday in
Fort Worth.

Mrs. C. L. Hurley of Fort Worth,
was guest in the J. H. Troxell home
last Thursday.

Darrell Morris and Earl Leonard
of Fort Worth, were week-end guests
of friends here.

Miss Merle Van Meter returned
this week to the College of Industrial
Arts at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christian were
down from Decatur Sunday for a
visit with relatives.

Mrs. Joe Knight and children of
Jerome, Arizona, are visiting Mr. and
Mrs. G. W. Knight.

Miss Ethel Horton was guest of
Mrs. J. L. Stone of Decatur several
days the past week.

The ladies of the Presbyterian
church will serve lunches to the pub-
lic on next trades day.

Miss Mary Frances Bennett of
Decatur, was the guest of her sister,
Mrs. C. W. Slay, last week.

Inspector Hood of Wichita Falls,
was with the post office force on
official business last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitehead and
family are expected to return Tues-
day from a visit to Medina.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slimp and
family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W.
Bryant in Slidell last Sunday.

Misses Roxie and Maude Morris of
Fort Worth, came for a short visit
with young friends last week.

Mrs. Will O'Neal and Miss Grace
Hardeman of Justin, were guests of
friends and relatives here Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Childress on
last Thursday attended the funeral
of Dr. Childress' sister at Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Burress of
Paradise, were visiting their daugh-
ter, Mrs. Buford Loker, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Knowles and
daughter, Marie, spent Sunday in
Dallas with Dr. W. M. Knowles and
family.

Mrs. J. R. Troxell leaves Tuesday
for Austin, where she enters her son,
Morris, in school. She will remain
thru the winter.

Miss Anna Mae Cochran of Child-
ress, en route to C. I. A. at Denton,
stopped for a few days' visit with
Miss Gertrude Horton.

Little Miss Gypsy Hightower, after
spending several days with her aunt,
Mrs. Kate Harris, returned Saturday
to her home in Dallas.

Miss Ethel Horton, has returned
from an extended visit with relatives
in Virginia. She will leave soon for
her school near Olney.

Miss Mary Roberts returns this
week from Paris, where she has been
attending institute. Miss Mary will
teach this year near Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Slimp, Mrs.
Sam Leonard, Misses Virginia and
Ann Bobo and Mary Jo Troxell were
in Fort Worth on Tuesday.

Tom and Pat Bobo were in Dallas
for a couple of days last week. Pat
had his tonsils removed, and is get-
ting along exceedingly well.

Miss Zella Gribble, who is attend-
ing Farmer's Commercial College at
Fort Worth, spent last week-end with
her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. P. T.
Gribble.

Do you want all the Rhome news
and the news from all over Wise
county? Subscribe for the Messenger
today. See Mrs. Claud Shaw at
Rhome.

Princess Ann of the House of Bobo
will be recognized amid the court
scenes surrounding Queen Lois of the
House of Shawver at the county fair
in Decatur.

Mrs. George Matheson, who has
been the guest of her daughter, Mrs.
Lloyd Douglas, left on Tuesday for
Decatur, where she will visit for a
few days before returning to her
home in Paradise.

School Notes.

Rhome is a small town that be-
lieves in large enterprises, and the
most noteworthy investment which
she makes is in the education of her
boys and girls. There are now leav-
ing from this place twenty-five or
more young people for their various
schools and colleges, besides those
who are teaching and entering other
lines of activity. Following is a fairly
complete classification:

Miss Virginia Bobo, Columbia Uni-
versity, New York, M. A. degree;
Miss Merle Van Meter, College of
Industrial Arts, Denton, senior, pres-
ident of class of '24; Pat and Miss
Ann Bobo, Baylor University, seniors,
Miss Verda Logan, Abilene Christian
College, Abilene, senior; Miss Burch
Barker, State Teachers' College, Den-
ton, sophomore; Tom Bobo, Baylor
Medical College, Dallas, junior; Boyd
and Harry Logan, Abilene Christian
College, Abilene, sophomores; Miss
Edna Mae Knowles, State Teachers'
College, Denton, second-prep; Joe
Denman, A. & M. College, College
Station, freshman; Miss Ruth Van
Meter, Texas Woman's College, Fort
Worth, sub-freshman; Miss Thelma
Gribble, Texas Woman's College, Fort
Worth, sub-freshman; Miss Gertrude
Horton, Decatur Baptist College,
senior; Miss Eula Mae Renshaw,
Decatur Baptist College, senior; Har-
old Van Meter, Clarendon Christian
College, Clarendon, junior; Thomas
Clark, Decatur Baptist College, Deca-
tur, junior; Miss Loretta McGhee,
Decatur Baptist College, junior; Miss
Zella Gribble, Farmer's Commercial
College, Fort Worth; Miss Jessie
Lee Stone, Decatur Baptist College,
junior; Curtis Yant, Decatur Baptist
College, junior; G. C. Watkins, Deca-
tur Baptist College, junior; Miss
Jonny Mae Stone, Decatur Baptist
College, junior; Miss Florence Bobo,
Decatur Baptist College, junior.

Zack Bobo Jr., graduate of Baylor
Medical College, Dallas, class of '22,
is this year house surgeon at the
Baptist sanitarium at Fort Worth.

Misses Glenn and Opal Barker are
of the Bowie high school faculty.

Miss Gladys Troxell teaches this
year at Aurora.

Miss Ethel Horton will teach near
Olney this school term.

Miss Zaeta Morris is teaching at
Lakeview.

School Opening.

Rhome high school opened Monday
morning, September 17th, with an
enrollment of ninety-two. A full
attendance can not be expected for
two weeks at the least, owing to the
crowded condition of cotton gather-
ing.

Much interest was manifested in
the opening of this term of school,
attested to by the number of visitors
present and the enthusiastic atmos-
phere which surrounded both faculty
and pupils. Superintendent William-
son made a brief but to-the-point
address which was well received. It
is to be hoped and urgedly asked
that every patron of the school co-
operate in every way possible with
the faculty and school board in mak-
ing this term of school profitable, not
only to the children of the community
but to the community life in general.

Church Directory.

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching every fourth Sunday in
each month, morning and evening.
Sunday school at ten a. m. L. R.
Randolph, superintendent. Ladies'
aid society Monday at three p. m.
Mrs. J. D. Burch, president. W. A.
Binyon, pastor.

Methodist Church.

Preaching each second and fourth
Sunday, morning and evening. Sun-
day school at ten a. m. S. A. Low-
ance, superintendent. Missionary so-
ciety, Monday at three p. m. Mrs.
P. T. Gribble, president. Prayer-
meeting Wednesday evenings. E. G.
Roberts, pastor.

Baptist Church.

Preaching each first and third Sun-
day, morning and evening. Sunday
school at ten a. m. W. F. Willis,
superintendent. Ladies' auxiliary on
Monday at three p. m. Mrs. W. E.
McGhee, president. Junior and sun-
beam band Sunday at three p. m.
Mrs. C. E. Shaw, leader. Miss Flora
Leach, assistant. Prayer-meeting on
Wednesday evening. A. J. Leach,
pastor.

Lodge Directory.

Stated meeting of Rhome lodge,
A. F. & A. M. No. 1159, second Sat-
urday night of each month. Visitors
invited. J. R. SLAGLE, W. M.
A. B. VAN METER, Sec'y.

Misses Eula Mae Renshaw, Loretta
McGhee, Florence Bobo and Gertrude
Horton, Messrs. Curtis Yant, Thomas
Clark and G. C. Watkins left Tuesday
for our own county college, Decatur
Baptist College.

Miss Cassie Fry Russell was the
guest of Mrs. Roy Kline in Fort
Worth last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Susan J. Shaw, after a visit
of two weeks with Mrs. Wiley Long
of Fort Worth, has returned home.

Fairview News.

Curtis Yant left Tuesday for Deca-
tur, where he will attend D. B. C.

Mr. Robert West and family spent
last week-end with friends at Red
Oak.

Miss Lena Tucker enrolled as a
student in Rhome high school last
Monday.

Messrs. Horace Perry, Morgan Lay-
field, Boyce Stewart and Skid Wilson
motored to Boyd Sunday afternoon.

Mr. E. P. Carpenter and family
were called to the bedside of his aged
mother at Olney. She is seriously ill.

The Fairview school will open on
Monday, October 1st. Everyone is
urged to help us have the best school
term which we have ever had.

Mr. and Mrs. Will O'Neal of Justin,
stopped for a short visit with Mr.
and Mrs. Will Layfield Sunday as
they returning home from Rhome.

Visitors in the Anderson home this
week are Mrs. Anderson's brother,
G. H. McDonald, and little son and
Jim Kerr an old-time friend of the
family.

This community was visited by a
nice rain Sunday night. The shower
will delay field work for a day or
so, nevertheless we were glad to get
the rain.

E. L. Williams and daughters,
Misses Callie and Mary Gill, have
returned to their home at Stonewall,
Oklahoma, after spending the last
three weeks in the home of H. H.
Anderson.

Young people of our community
who love music were delightfully
entertained Saturday night by Mr.
and Mrs. W. P. Stewart who rendered
some good music at their home.
There were fourteen "joy-makers" in
attendance, and had the best time
possible.

Aurora News.

Jack Smith has returned from a
visit to Midlothian.

J. D. Burch was in Fort Worth
Tuesday on business.

J. D. Burch sent a load of cotton
to Fort Worth market Tuesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence
Boyd, on September 13th, 1923, a
daughter.

Mrs. J. E. Reid has returned from
a two weeks' visit with relatives in
Willis and Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. T. Flowers of Denton, has
returned to her home after a week's
visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Cham-
bers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Oates of Fort
Worth, are here as week-end guests
of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F.
Willis and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Oates.

On last Monday morning the imme-
diate neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. A. E.
Butler came in and gathered his corn
crop and picked and carried to the
gin two bales of cotton. Monday,
September 24th, was set aside as a
date to return and put up his hay
and pick the cotton over. Mr. Butler
has been in bad health for nearly a
year, and this neighborly act on the
part of these good people was timely
and helpful.

Douglasville News.

H. S. Ford was a Fort Worth visi-
tor last week.

Misses Lora and Gertrude Alexan-
der were in Boyd Saturday.

I. S. Lisby of Rhome, visited J. E.
Norman and family last week.

A. E. Butler and W. A. Lisby went
to Fort Worth Monday on business.

Several enjoyed a party given by
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brown Thursday
night.

Mrs. Bill Ellar and little son, Ben,
of Oklahoma are visiting A. E. Butler
and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Randolph of
Rhome, visited in this community
last Sunday afternoon.

James Brown has received an hon-
orable discharge from the army, and
is now at home with his father and
sister.

Mrs. Ned Richardson and children
returned to their home in Temple,
Oklahoma, last Sunday, after visiting
with relatives here.

Denver Train Schedule.

South Bound.

No. 8—5:55 a. m.—Thru train, re-
ceives mail.

No. 6—11:00 a. m.—Local.

No. 4—4:20 p. m.—Local, receives
and dispatches mail.

No. 2—5:25 p. m.—Thru train, re-
ceives and dispatches mail.

North Bound.

No. 3—8:46 a. m.—Local, receives
and dispatches mail.

No. 1—10:38 a. m.—Thru train, re-
ceives and dispatches mail.

No. 5—7:45 p. m.—Local, receives
mail.

No. 7—11:30 p. m.—Thru train, re-
ceives and dispatches mail.

All mail for dispatch should reach
the post office thirty minutes before
train time.

Orville Brower and Miss Mable Ray
of Fort Worth, were dinner guests
of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor and
family last Friday.

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